

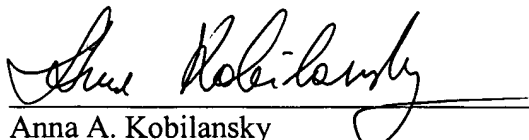
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a Petition to Make Special Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) and an Information Disclosure Statement. Claims 1-15 remain in the above-referenced application. New claims 16-62 are directed to the same subject matter as the originally filed claims, which as the Examiner indicated during a telephonic conference with R. Thomas Payne of Cummings & Lockwood, do not require a restriction or election of species. No new matter has been added by this Amendment, and early and favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If after reviewing this amendment, should the Examiner have questions or require additional information, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney so this case may receive an early notice of allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 11-0231.

Respectfully submitted,


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